

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

Green Team Minutes

May 11, 2017

The April 13, 2017 Green Team meeting was cancelled.

The May 11, 2017 Green Team meeting was held at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J.

Present: Connie Andershonis, Robert Jewell, Dawn Smith, Heather Hamilton and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Michael Misertino

Town Wide Yard Sale: A total of 33 residents participated. Additional yard sale signs were purchased from the UPS store. Mrs. Andershonis stated that she received positive feedback from residents that held their yard sale on Friday. Adding Friday was a positive addition to the yard sale.

Tentative dates for the 2018 town wide yard sale – April 27, 28, 29th.

Reusable Bag Education Program: The Bag-It video will be shown at the Mansfield Elementary School. Approximately 100 cloth bags are needed for handouts.

Carbon Footprint: On May 25, 2017 Mrs. Andershonis and Mr. Proefrock will meet at the Municipal Building in order to continue inputting information.

Community Asset Mapping: Mrs. Andershonis is scheduled to meet with the Township Clerk on May 22nd in order to establish the map on the township website. The Green Team will utilize pictures from the ANJEC photo contest in order to enhance the on line map.

Natural Resource Inventory: Unfortunately the Green Team was not awarded a grant for the NRI.

Webinar: Mrs. Andershonis participated in a Landscaping for a healthy environment – Green Design webinar. The webinar discussed native plants and making a yard an environmental friendly area. She stated the website “JerseyYards.org” has a data base of plants environmental friendly – native and non native. She stated that the webinar was very informative.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Smith stated that EDAC is working on this action item.

Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities: Mrs. Andershonis attended the May 2nd Legislative Breakfast meeting regarding the legalization of marijuana in New Jersey.

Representatives from the Green Team were invited due to the potential impact on the environment - (outdoor vs. indoor and the impact on water shed tables and carbon footprints). If anyone wishes to receive a copy of the handout, please contact Mrs. Fascenelli.

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

October 21, 2017 – Free Town Wide Paper Shredding Event from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm – 1710 Rt. 57.

November 18, 2017 – Electronic waste, scrap metal, large rigid plastics & mercury switch thermostats collection event from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm -1710 Rt. 57.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli